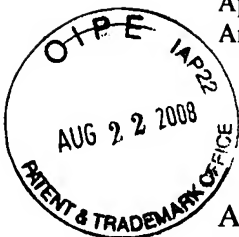


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Sir:

The following is an Amendment and Response to the USPTO Office Action of
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins
on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 22 of this paper.